

THE GAZETTE.

THURSDAY EVENING, JANUARY 14.

The Merrimack's Prow.

Half covered with snow among a pile of old iron beams at Chew and Essex streets is an irregularly-shaped mass of iron weighing about 600 pounds, which played no small part in determining the present form of building ships of war, and which wrought over a million dollars' damage to the United States government. It is the prow or ram of the famous Confederate ironclad Merrimack, which revolutionized naval warfare. The Merrimack's battle in Hampton Roads with the United States fleet is without a parallel, and the terrible prow with which the frigate Cumberland was sent to the bottom was lost in this engagement. The original shape was that of a nose V. The point was solid for nearly two feet and the arms by which the ram was fitted to the Merrimack's bow were each about eight feet long and about a foot wide. In the Merrimack's plunge against the Cumberland this ram was shattered, and as the Merrimack swung around it was broken off. One of the arms remained on the Merrimack, but the point, with the other arm, was torn from its fastenings and rammed in the Cumberland. Messrs. M. T. Horner & Co. bought it with other government stores as old metal at Norfolk after the war closed, and it has been lying in almost its present position ever since. It was evidently made of old boiler plates, for a chipped edge shows that it is made of layers of iron, each about a quarter of an inch thick. It has been identified as the Merrimack's prow by Mr. H. A. Ramsay, who was chief engineer of that ship. Several attempts have been made to buy it, but while the intrinsic value of the ram is not much more than \$10 or \$15 it is not for sale at any price. Some time ago Mr. Horner had a piece broken off and a fac-simile of the Merrimack's prow for Mr. Douglas H. Thomas, President of the Merchants' National Bank, where it is now ornaments as a paper weight. — *Baltimore Sun*

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